

What is claimed as new and what is desired to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A device for retrieving balls during a sporting event, said device comprising:
a hollow tube having top and bottom openings defining a conduit therebetween and for receiving and dispensing a ball respectively, said tube having an aperture formed therein and adjacent said top opening thereof;

a plurality of flexible mounting brackets adjustably engageable about said tube, said plurality of mounting brackets being spaced apart from each other and connectable to a support surface so that said device can be selectively positioned at a predetermined location along a support surface; and

an automated coin dispensing system connected to said tube adjacent said top opening thereof, said coin dispensing system causing a predetermined amount of money to be ejected therefrom when a ball is passed downwardly through said tube and beyond the aperture.

2. The device of claim 1, wherein said tube comprises:

an elongated upper portion disposed substantially vertically and rearward of a support surface; and

an arcuate lower portion integral with said upper portion, said lower portion extending outwardly and substantially perpendicularly from said upper portion to thereby become disposed forward of a support surface so that a ball may be directed therethrough and towards a playing surface.

3. The device of claim 1, wherein said coin dispensing system comprises:

a housing having a side wall connected to said tube and spaced between said plurality of brackets;

a reservoir disposed within said housing and containing a predetermined amount of money;

a sensor disposed within said housing and being aligned with the aperture so that said system will detect a ball traveling through said tube;

a solenoid connected to said sensor and being operably controlled thereby;
a power supply source connected to said sensor and for causing said solenoid to selectively receive a current therethrough and selectively operate said reservoir; and
a receptacle connected to said housing and being disposed therebeneath, said receptacle cooperating with said reservoir so that a user can readily retrieve money therefrom.

4. The device of claim 1, wherein said housing comprises:
an access door disposed at a top surface thereof and being selectively removable so that said coin dispensing system can be refilled and serviced as desired by a user.

5. A device for retrieving balls during a sporting event, said device comprising:
a hollow tube having top and bottom openings defining a conduit therebetween and for receiving and dispensing a ball respectively, said tube having an aperture formed therein and adjacent said top opening thereof, said tube including
an elongated upper portion disposed substantially vertically and rearward of a support surface, and
an arcuate lower portion integral with said upper portion, said lower portion extending outwardly and substantially perpendicularly from said upper portion to thereby become disposed forward of a support surface so that a ball may be directed therethrough and towards a playing surface;
a plurality of flexible mounting brackets adjustably engageable about said tube, said plurality of mounting brackets being spaced apart from each other and connectable to a support surface so that said device can be selectively positioned at a predetermined location along a support surface; and
an automated coin dispensing system connected to said tube adjacent said top opening thereof, said coin dispensing system causing a predetermined amount of money to be ejected therefrom when a ball is passed downwardly through said tube and beyond the aperture.

6. The device of claim 5, wherein said coin dispensing system comprises:
a housing having a side wall connected to said tube and spaced between said plurality of brackets;
a reservoir disposed within said housing and containing a predetermined amount of money;
a sensor disposed within said housing and being aligned with the aperture so that said system will detect a ball traveling through said tube;
a solenoid connected to said sensor and being operably controlled thereby;
a power supply source connected to said sensor and for causing said solenoid to selectively receive a current therethrough and selectively operate said reservoir; and
a receptacle connected to said housing and being disposed therebeneath, said receptacle cooperating with said reservoir so that a user can readily retrieve money therefrom.

7. The device of claim 5, wherein said housing comprises:
an access door disposed at a top surface thereof and being selectively removable so that said coin dispensing system can be refilled and serviced as desired by a user.

8. A device for retrieving balls during a sporting event, said device comprising:
a hollow tube having top and bottom openings defining a conduit therebetween and for receiving and dispensing a ball respectively, said tube having an aperture formed therein and adjacent said top opening thereof, said tube including
an elongated upper portion disposed substantially vertically and rearward of a support surface, and
an arcuate lower portion integral with said upper portion, said lower portion extending outwardly and substantially perpendicularly from said upper portion to thereby become disposed forward of a support surface so that a ball may be directed therethrough and towards a playing surface;
a plurality of flexible mounting brackets adjustably engageable about said tube, said plurality of mounting brackets being spaced apart from each other and connectable

to a support surface so that said device can be selectively positioned at a predetermined location along a support surface; and

an automated coin dispensing system connected to said tube adjacent said top opening thereof, said coin dispensing system causing a predetermined amount of money to be ejected therefrom when a ball is passed downwardly through said tube and beyond the aperture, said coin dispensing system including

a housing having a side wall connected to said tube and spaced between said plurality of brackets,

a reservoir disposed within said housing and containing a predetermined amount of money,

a sensor disposed within said housing and being aligned with the aperture so that said system will detect a ball traveling through said tube,

a solenoid connected to said sensor and being operably controlled thereby,

a power supply source connected to said sensor and for causing said solenoid to selectively receive a current therethrough and selectively operate said reservoir, and

a receptacle connected to said housing and being disposed therebeneath, said receptacle cooperating with said reservoir so that a user can readily retrieve money therefrom.

9. The device of claim 8, wherein said housing comprises:

an access door disposed at a top surface thereof and being selectively removable so that said coin dispensing system can be refilled and serviced as desired by a user.